

It is unfair and illegal for Sinclair Broadcasting to require its stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election.

This type of partisan programming runs counter to the spirit of our democracy, and the freedom of press. By requiring its local stations to air this program, Sinclair is potentially doing a disservice to my local community.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. In an election year, the public's interest is not served by mandating politically partisan programming. It's more important that we see real people from our own communities and more substantive news about issues that matter.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.